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FMD Outbreak in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

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Report Highlights:

On January 31, 2007, China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) notified FAS Beijing of a report confirming an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Asian 1 strain, on January 27, 2007 in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. This is China's first reported outbreak of FMD in 2007. This report, which the MOA's Chief Veterinary Officer also reported to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), is an unofficial translation of the MOA notification.

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All Embassies and International Representative Offices:

Re: Notification of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreak in China

On January 29, 2007, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) received a report from the Veterinary Bureau of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region confirming an outbreak of FMD, Asian 1 strain, in Xinhe County of Akesu Prefecture of the autonomous region. The relevant information is as follows.

1. Outbreak location: Xinhe County, Akesu Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
2. Date of confirmation: January 27, 2007
3. Infected animals: 6 cattle tested FMD positive; 25 cattle and 48 sheep and goat of the same herd were culled.
4. Diagnosed: By the National FMD Reference Laboratory Lab (Lanzhou Veterinary Research Institute under China Academy of Agricultural Sciences).
Methods: Virus isolating through ELISA, RT-PCR.
Pathogen: FMD Asian 1 strain.
5. Control measures: MOA and the Government of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region immediately carried out a disease control according to the relevant requirements of the Urgent Action Plan against pathogenic animal disease outbreaks. The measures mainly include isolation and disinfection of the infected area, culling sick and susceptible animals of the same herd and disinfection of the culled, and providing urgent vaccination to susceptible animals of the surrounding areas. Now, the disease is under effective control.

The Chinese Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), Dr. Jia Youling, has reported this FMD outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

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